

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An occupant leg protection system arranged below a steering column of a vehicle, comprising:

an airbag;

a casing attached to the vehicle for housing the airbag and having a recessed section at a backside thereof so that the recessed section can accommodate the steering column when pushed, said casing including a first storage section and a second storage section with the recessed section in between so that one part of the airbag is stored in the first storage section and another part of the airbag is stored in the second storage section; and

a gas generator attached to the casing and stored in the first storage section for inflating the airbag.

2. (original) An occupant leg protection system according to claim 1, wherein said gas generator is attached to the casing at a position other than the recessed section.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) An occupant leg protection system according to claim 3 1, wherein a rear part of the airbag is fixed to the recessed section.

5. (currently amended) An occupant leg protection system arranged below a steering column of a vehicle, comprising:

an airbag;

a casing attached to the vehicle for housing the airbag; and

a gas generator attached to the casing for inflating the airbag at a location away from a position facing the steering column, said gas generator extending from a back surface of the casing away from the steering column.

6. (canceled)